AUCTION SALES. THIS AFTERNOON.

JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, AUCTIONEER. TRUSTEES' SALE OF LOT IMPROVED BY FRAME DWELLING NO. 2539 Q STREET NORTHWEST.

By virtue of power of sale in deed in trust from Henry Jackson and wife to Jenkin Thomas, trustee, recorded in Liber No. 847, folio 97 of the land records of the District of Columbia, and also by virtue of decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, substituting the undersigned as trustees in piace of said Jenkin Thomas, deceased, passed in Equity couse No. 24249 therein pending, we will sell, by public auction, in front of the premises, on SATURDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1904, AT FIVE O'CLOCK P.M., the teal estate known as premises 2539 Q street (formerly Stoddart street), being a part of lots ninetysix (96) and ninety-seven (97) in Holmend's addition to Georgetown, now in square twelve hundred and eighty-seven (1287) of the city of Washington, fronting (welve (12) feet on the north side of Q street to the east of Mill street, and running back of that width about eighty (80) feet to an alley, and fully described in the aforesaid deed in trust, with the improvements, consisting of a small frame dwelling.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance in two equal installments at one and two years, bearing laterest at 6 are cent. and to be secured by deed in trust, and to be secured by deed

Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance in two equal installments at one and two years, bearing interest at 6 per cent, and to be secured by deed of trust on the property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. Deposit of seventy-five dollars required at time of sale. Terms to be complied with in fifteen days from day of sale, or deposit will be forfelted.

GEO. FRANCIS WILLIAMS, Trustee, 606 F st. n.w.

JAMES H. TAYLOR, Trustee, 613 15th st. n.w. FUTURE DAYS,

TRUSTEES' SALE OF THREE-STORY AND ENGLISH BASEMENT BRICK DWELLING, NO.
1818 CORCORAN STREFT NORTHWEST.
By virtue of a certail deed of trust, duly recorded in Liber 2653, folio 435 et seq., one of the land records for the District of Columbia, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned, trustees, will sell, at public auction, in front of the premises, on MONDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FIFTH, 1904, AT HALF-PAST FOUR P.M., the following described land and premises, situate in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, namely: Lot numbered one hundred and four (104), in Charles Early's subdivision of part of square numbered one hundred and thirty-four (184), as per plat recorded in Liber 15, folio 186, of the records of the surveyor's office of the District of Columbia, with the improvements thereon.
Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance in one and two years, with interest, secured by deed of trust on the property, or all cash, at purchaser's option. A deposit of one hundred dollars required at time of sale: Conveyancing and recording at purchaser's cost. Terms of sale to be complied with within ten days from day of sale, or the trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the fisk and cost of defaulting purchaser, after five days' previous advertisement.

HARRY L. RUST, Trustee.

sp13-d&ds BENJAMIN S. MINOR, Trustee,

JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, AUCTIONEER. TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE, BEING TWO-STORY AND BASEMENT BRICK DWELLING WITH CEL-LAR, NO. 2023 ELEVENTH STREET NORTH-WEST

LAR. NO. 2023 ELEVENTH STREET NORTH-WEST.

By virtue of a certain deed of trust duly recorded in Liber No. 2276, folio 164 et seq., of the land records of the District of Columbia, and at the request of the party secured thereby, I, the undersigned surviving trustee, will sell at public auction, in front of the premises, on FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF APRIL. A. D. 1904, AT HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., the following described land and premises, situate in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and designated as and being part of lot rumbered four (4), in square numbered three hundred and thirty-two (322), said part of lot being contained within the following metes and bounds, viz.: Beginning for the same on the line of 11th street, thirty-one (31) feet north of the southwest corner of said lot four (4), and running thence north with the line of said street fifteen (15) feet six (6) inches, thence east ninety-nine and 875-1,000 (99.875) feet, thence south fifteen (15) feet six (6) inches, thence west ninety-nine and 875-1,000 (99.875) feet to point of beginning, together with the improvements, consisting of two-story and basement brick dwelling, No. 2023 11th 8t. n.w.

Terms of sale: One-third of the purchase money

story and basement brick dwelling. No. 2023 11th st. n.w.

Terms of sale: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash and the balance in two equal installments, payable in one and two years, with interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, from-day of sale, secured by deed of trust upon the property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of \$200 will be required of the purchaser at the time of sale. All conveyancing, recording and notarial fees at the cost of the purchaser. Terms of sale to be complied with within fifteen days from day of sale, otherwise the trustee reserves the right to feesell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after five days' advertisement of such resale in The Evening Star, a newspaper published in the city of Washington, D. C.

BENJAMIN F. WHITESIDE.

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THOS. J. OWEN & SON, AUCTS., 913 F ST. N.W. THOS. J. OWEN & SON, AUCTS., 913 F ST. N.W.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED
REAL ESTATE AT ANACOSTIA AND ON
BENNING'S ROAD.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as surviving trustee, under three separate deeds of trust, recorded in Liber No. 2347, folio 272 et seq., Liber 2248, folio 48 et seq. and Liber 2695, folio 180 et seq., of the land records of the District of Columbia.

Terms of sale: One-third cash and the balance in one, two and three years, the deferred payments to be represented by notes of the purchaser secuned by a deed of trust upon the property sold and to be a seq., of the land records of the District of Columbia.

Terms of sale: One-third cash and the balance in one, two and three years, the deferred payments to be represented by notes of the purchaser secuned by a deed of trust upon the property sold and to be a seq., as follows: At TWO O'CLOCK P.M., part of original lot No. 1, in section No. 6, of the sub known as the Barry Farm, beginning for same at an iron hub in the center of T street N. 41° 42' east 560 feet from a stone in center of said street; thence S. 48° 33' east 71.19 feet to place of beginning, with the improvements thereon.

Also at QUARTER-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M., lot No. 11. in May E. Stickney's sub of parts of a tract of land called Fortune Enlarged, as recorded in Liber County No. 6, folio 132, with improvements thereon.

Also at HALF-PAST THREE P.M., lot No. 21. in May STREET NORTHWEST.

AUCTION SALES. MONDAY.

JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, AUCTIONEER.

(1), in square twenty-eight (28), together with the improvements, consisting of frame house No. 2405 I st. n.w.

Terms of sale: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the balance in two equal installments, payable in one and two years, with interest at six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, from day of sale, secured by deed of trust upon the property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of \$200 will be required of the purchaser at the time of sale. All conveyancing, recording and notarial fees at the cost of the purchaser. Terms of sale to be compiled with within fifteen days from day of sale, otherwise the trustee teserves the right to nesell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, after five days' advertisement of such resale in The Evening Star, a newspaper published in the city of Washington, D. C.

FRANCIS P. B. SANDS, Trustee, ap6-d&ds

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PAWNBROKER'S AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

I will sell at the store of S. Burnstine, 361 Pa.
ave. n.w., at HALF-PAST SEVEN P.M., MONDAY, APRIL EIGHTEENTH, 1904, all unredeemed pledges in his store on which is due one year's
interest or more. This sale consists of Gold, Silver, Gold Filled and Metal Watches, Diamonds of
all descriptions, Rings, Chains, Lockets, Scarfpins,
Studs, Earrings. Lace Pins, Bracelets, Cuff Buttons, Spectacles and Eyglasses, Field and Opera
Glasses, Books, Guns, Pistols, Musical, Surgical
and Mechanical Instruments, Iron and Wooden
Clocks, Phonographs, Satchels, Full Dress Cases,
Microscopes, Clothing, Ladies' and Gents' Wearing
Apparel of all kins, and numerous other articles.
Sale to continue every day until all lots are sold.
Holders of tickets please take notice.

S. BURNSTINE, Broker.
WALTER B. WILLIAMS & CO., Auctioneers,
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JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, AUCTIONEER

ATTORNEY'S SALE OF BRICK DWELLING KNOWN AS 1922 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NORTHWEST.

By virtue of authority given me, I will sell at public anction in front of the premises, on MONDAY, APRIL EIGHTEENTH, 1904, AT FIVE O'CLOCK, the following described real estate: Part of lots numbered thirty-six and thirty-seven, in square numbered one hundred and seventy-six, with improvements, otherwise known as 1922 New Hampshire avenue northwest, Washington, D. C. Terms: All cash above fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollar trust on said premises. A deposit of two hundred (\$200) dollars will be required at time of saie. Terms must be compiled with in fifteen days from date of sale, or right is reserved to resell at risk and cost of defaulting purchaser, after five days' advertisement of said resale. Converancing, recording, etc., at cost of purchaser.

SIMON LYON,
Attorney for Owner,

Attorney for Owner, ap12-d&ds Kellogg building, 1416 F st. n.w.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE.

By virtue of two writs of fieri facias issued out of the clerk's office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and to me directed, I will sell, at public sale, for cash, in front of the court-house door, on MONDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF MAY, 1804, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M., all of the interest of the defendant William Mayse in and to sublot 186, in block 4, in the subdivision of Montello, with improvements thereon, in the county of Washington, D. C., seized and levied upon as the interest of the defendant William Mayse in said real estate and sold to satisfy executions-atlaw Nos. 35801 and 36813, Supreme Court, D. C.

AULICK PALMER, U. S. Marshal.

JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, Auctioneer.

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THOS J. OWEN & SON, AUCTIONEERS. RUSTEEN' SALE OF VALUABLE THREE-STORY BRICK DWELLING, BEING PREM-ISES NO. 471 FLORIDA AVENUE NORTH-WEST.

WEST.

By virtue of a deed of trust to us, dated the 17th day of July, 1899, and recorded among the land records of the District of Columbia in Liber No. 2375, at folio 440, et seq., we will sell, at the request of the holder of the notes secured thereby, at public auction, in front of the premises, ON TUESDAY, THE 2GTH DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1904, AT HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., the following described property, situate in the county of Washington, District of Columbia, and being all of lot numbered forty-one (41), in Thomas G. Hensey, trustee's subdivision of part of block numbered five (5), "Le Droit Park," as per plat recorded in Liber county No. 7, at folio 44, of the records of the office of the survoyer of the District

About at QUARTERI-PANT THIREE O'CLOCK P.M., lot No. 11. In May E. Stickney's sub of parts of a tract of land called Fortune Enlarged, as recorded in Liber County No. 6, folio 132, with Improvements thereon. All situations the county of Washington, District of Terms: One-third cash, balance in 1 and 2 years, with interest at 9%, secured by deed of trust on property sold, or all cash, at purchaser's cott.

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JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, AUCTIONEER.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF DESIRABLE RESIDENCE, NO. 917 R STREET NOITHWEST, WITH BRICK STABLE ON REAR.
By virtue of a deed of trust, bearing date the 22d day of August, 1893, and recorded in Liber 1853, folio 7 et seq., one of the land records of the District of Columbia, and at the written request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned will, on MONDAY. APRIL TWENTY-FIFTH. 1904, AT FIVE O'CLOCK P.M., sell, at public auction, in front of the premises, all of lot numbered nine (9), of Mattingly and Wilson, trustees' subdivision of square numbered three hundred and sixty-three (363), as per plat recorded in Liber W. B. M., folio 197, of the records of the office of the surveyor of the said District.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, the balance in equal installments, in one and two years, with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from the day of sale, payable semi-annually, secured by deed of trust upon the property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. Deposit of \$200 required at time of sale. Terms to be complied with in 15 days from day of sale, otherwise the property will be resold at risk and cost of defaulting purchaser. All conveyancing, notarial fees and recording at cost of purchaser.

WILLIAM E. EDMONSTON,

Surviving Trustee,

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JAMES W. RATCLIFFE, AUCTIONEER.

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Compulsory Sale by Attorneys of 2-Story Brick Store and Dwelling, No. 701 Delaware Ave. South-

AUCTION SALES.

AUCTION SALES. FUTURE DAYS.

Sale by Auction

of the Balance of the Valuable Stock of

Ladies' Furnishings and Fixtures

In Store 1004 F Street N.W.

By direction of the owner I will sell on

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 19, 20 and 21, at 11 a.m. & 3 p.m., at Store 1004 F st., n.w.,

The balance of his valuable stock of Ladies' Furnishings, comprising the most expensive Sapphire, Royal Worcester, Bon Ton and other Corsets, Ladies' Underwear, the finest obtainable high-grade Suits and upward of 400 expensive Skirts, Silk Hosiery of the very latest and the finest grades, 250 Waists, Flowers, Pocket Books, Opera Bags, Parasols and hundreds of other articles usually found in the most aristo-

This sale should attract the attention of the entire public, for it is safe to say that never in the history of this city were goods of such a high grade offered at auction to the highest bidders.

N. B.—Chairs provided for ladies.

C. G. Sloan & Co., Auctioneers. 1407 G Street, Near U. S. Treasury Dept.

CATALOGUE SALE OF THE

MOMONOI COLLECTION

JAPANESE HIGH ART. Comprising: Bronzes, Cloisonne Enamels. Antique

and Modern Ceramics, Embroideries, Carved Furniture, Cabinets, Kakemonos, Rammas, Ivory Carvings, Screens, Temple Cedar Furniture, Etc., Etc.

To be sold without reserve or limit By order of

MESSRS. MOGI EMANARY & CO. on the afternoons of

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 20, 21 and 22, 1904, at 2 O'clock Each Day, AT SLOAN'S GALLERIES.

No. 1407 G street northwest, Washington, D. C.

C. G. Sloan & Co., Auctioneers.

Free exhibition daily, beginning Monday, April 18, until date of sale. WALTER B. WILLIAMS & CO., Auctioneers.

Four-Story Brick Dwelling, fronting on M Street Between 4th and 5th Streets Northwest, Premises No. 456.

ON THURSDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FIRST, AT FIVE O'CLOCK P.M., will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the premises, sublot 57, in square 514, having 20 feet front by 100 feet deep to an alley, improved by a four-story brick dwelling, with four-story back building, 10 rooms and bath.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance in one and two years, with interest at five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, from day of sale, secured by a deed of trust upon the property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of \$200 will be required at the time of sale, all conveyancing, etc., at purchaser's cost. Purchaser allowed ten days from day of sale to complete the purchase.

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H. K. Fulton's Sale of Unredeemed Pledges. John Doyle Carmody, Auctioneer.

CHANCERY SALE—NO. 1524 8TH STREET
NORTHWEST, NO. 1436 82D STREET
NORTHWEST, VACANT LOT ON N STREET,
WEST WASHINGTON.
Under a decree in equity cause numbered 24192
we will offer for sale, at public auction, in front
of the premises:

WALTER B. WILLIAMS & CO., Auctioneers.

THOS. J. OWEN & SON, AUCTS., 913 F ST. N.W.

NO. 1404 PA. AVE. N.W. ALSO ONE HORSE AND ONE WAGON.

By virtue of an order of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, passed in Equity cause No. 24593, the undersigned receivers will sell, by public auction, on FRIDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1904, AT TEN O'OLOCK A.M.. within the above premises, stock of Heating and Plumbing Supplies, including 2 Water Elevators, Hot-water Boiler, Fittings, Ziucs-Pipe, Closet Fixtures, Radiators, Bronze, Oil, Packing, Office Furniture, etc. Also Horse and Wagon.

Wagon.
Terms: Cash.
F. WALTER BRANDENBURG, Receiver,
Fendall building, 344 D st. n.w.
RICHARD C. THOMPSON, Receiver,
api6-d&dbs Fendall building, 344 D st. n.w. THOS. J. OWEN & SON, AUCTIONEERS.

AUCTION SALES.

FUTURE DAYS.

THOS. J. OWEN & SON, AUCTIONEERS.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE UNIMPROVED REAL ESTATE EAST OF LANCOLS

PARK.
By virtue of seven deeds of trust, recorded in
Liber 1302, at folios 154 to 166, inclusive, of the
land records of the District of Columbia, and at
request of party secured, we will sell, at public
auction, in front of the premises, WEDNESDAY,
APRIL TWENTY-SEVENTH, 1904, COMMENCING
AT FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., and continuing till all
of the parcels are offered, the following described
real estate:

real estate;
Square 1119, lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, fronting on
20th and B streets northeast.
Square 1125, lots 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, being the east one-half of the square.
Square 1128, lots 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, being east
one-half of the square.

Square 1143, lots 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, being east one-half of equare.

Square 1146, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18, fronting on B and 25th streets.

Terms: One-third cash, of which a deposit of \$250 on each parcel purchased as a whole must be made at the time of the sale, balance in two equal installments, payable in one or two years from day of sale, for which notes of the purchaser, bearing interest from day of sale (payable semi-annually) and secured by deed of trust on the property sold, will be taken; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. All conveyancing and recording at the purchaser's cost. If terms are not compiled with in ten days from date of sale the trustees reserve the right to resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser or purchasers, after five days' advertisement in The Evening Star newspaper.

CHARLES W. HANDY, FRED W. PRATT,

Trustees.

NEWTON & GILLETT, Attorneys for Party Se-NEWTON & GILLETT, Attorneys for Party Seured. ap16,19,21,23,26

PHOS. J. OWEN & SON, AUCTS., 913 F ST. N.W. TWO-STORY, SEVEN-ROOM, BATH AND CELLAR BRICK DWELLING, NO. 1238 NEW JERSEY AVE. N.W. AT AUCTION.

AT AUCTION.

By virtue of authority vested in use by all parties in interest, we will sell at public auction, in front of the premises. ON THURSDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FIRST, 1904, AT HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., lot J, in square 523. House in excellent condition and well rented.

Terms: One-third cash, balance in one and two years, with interest, secured by deed of trust on the property sold, or all cash, at the purchaser's option. A deposit of \$100 required at time of sale. Conveyancing and recording at cost of purchaser. ap16-d&ds THOS. J. OWEN & SON, Auctioneers. C. G. SLOAN & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 1407 G ST. N.W.

SALE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND HOUSE-HOLD GOODS FOR STVDRAGE CHARGES, Notice is hereby given that on SATURDAY, AFRIL TWENTY-THIRD, 1904, AT TEN O'CLOCK A.M., there will be sold, at public auction, in the auction room of C. G. Sloan & Co., 1407 G st. n.w., Washington, D. C., to enforce liens for storage charges, etc., due and unpaid, all Goods, Furniture, Household and Personal Effects on storage with the American Security and Trust Company, in the names of H. I. Brackett, Mrs. A. St. Clair Denver and J. W. Pinkney.

ALBERT M. READ,

General Manager,

Storage Department,

ap16-6t American Security and Trust Company.

AVOWS HIMSELF A SPOILSMAN.

Senator Bailey Considers Civil Service Reform a Dream.

Senator Bailey of Texas addressed the Senate on the question of civil service yesterday afternoon just before adjournment The subject came up in connection with a paragraph in the sundry civil appropriation bill. Mr. Bailey announced in plain terms that he had no sympathy with the "irridescent dream" of civil service reform. He declared that each party should control the patronage while in power and avowed himself a spoilsman.

Mr. Hale said he was in accord with much that Mr. Bailey said, but added that Con-gress could not be induced to change the law even though convinced that it should be

The Panama canal bill occupied the major portion of the day and was passed without division. Mr. Spooner made a vigorous speech in support of the bill and was replied to by Mr. Morgan. The sundry civil appropriation oill was taken up and when the Senate adjourned

To Compliment Lieut. Chandler.

The Secretary of the Navy has decided to compliment Lieutenant Lloyd H. Chandof sea duty, he will be detached from command of the flotilla and ordered to proceed to Japan for the purpose of making such investigations as the Japanese ing such investigations as the Japanese government will permit with regard to the Japanese destroyers and other torpedo craft, including their construction and methods of operations. This is a highly important assignment. No one has yet been selected to succeed Lieutenant Chandler in command of the torpedo boat flotilla.

eral Hall of the departure from Manila ing on board the 29th Infantry, consisting of 494 enlisted men, 360 casuals, 40 general prisoners, 24 sick and 4 insane.

Thanks to Army Men.

YOUNGSTERS IN MASKS.

Annual Ball of the Children of the Washington Saengerbund.

The thirtieth annual masquerade ball of night, in which four hundred young people participated. The little ones held full sway

youthful revelers marched in review before the reception committee.

Among the impersonations were: Cupid, Miriam Kleeplatt; Little Bo Peep, Corinne Hutterly; a court page, Harry Eisenbeiss; Poppy, Maizie Shook; Dolly Varden, Dorothy Lutz; a Spanish dancer, Helen Zeh; Irish queen, Mildred Farrell; Little Red Riding Hood, Briska Zwissler; grandmother, Mabel Coldenstroth; a Japanese lady, Margaret Schlotterback; Prince Carnival, Frederick Carl; Brownie, George Hutterly; a sailor, Will Hutterly; a jockey, Rudolph Coldenstroth; an Indian chief, Bernard Knox; a Mexican bull tighter, Fritz Zeiner; Sunny Jim, Carl Fuhrmann, and the Gold Lust Twins, Harold Seyfferth and Wallace Furhmann.

ITALIAN EMIGRANTS

Consul General De Castro's Opinion of Them.

EVASION OF LAW EASY

CERTIFICATES OF NATURALIZA TION WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION.

Passports to Enter the United States Issued With No Means of Knowing the Owners.

Upon a desk in the office of the consul general for the United States at Rome is always a pile of original or certified copies of American certificates of naturalization. These are sent to Rome from the various consular offices in Italy, accompanied by requests for passports for the owners thereof, or for wives of the owners intent upon joining their husbands in the United States. The holder of an American passport is necessarily an American citizen, and immigration laws, quarantine inspection or other restrictions, such as are applied to incoming foreigners, have no terrors for

These certificates, as received in Rome are wonderful and marvelous in their typographical variations. Some are of imposing size, with large gilt borders, engraved in script and carrying a seal tremendous in its proportions and lurid in its coloring. Each one certifies to the fact that the person thereupon mentioned has become a citizen of the United States by virtue of citizen of the United States by virtue of naturalization. There is no photograph, no description; in fact, no means of identifying the proper owner of this certificate, and the mere statement of any one skillful enough to answer a few simple questions is accepted as evidence of proprietorship. In this pile of certificates in the consular office nearly every state in the Union is represented, though New York, and particularly Westchester county, furnishes the largest number. Last year 1,100 of these were received by the American officials in Rome, each accompanied by the usual re-Rome, each accompanied by the usual request for a passport from the embassy. Most of them come from Naples, where the largest number of Italians depart for the United States.

Naturalization Certificates.

When an Italian returns to Italy after having become a naturalized citizen of the United States he generally brings with him a certificate of naturalization. When he desires to go back to the United States without again passing inspection and fulfilling the requirements of the immigration filling the requirements of the immigration law he presents this certificate to the nearest American consul, who sends it to the embassy at Rome, with the request that a passport be issued for the holder as an American citizen. The passport and certificate are returned to the owner of the latter and thus equipped he can proceed to

tificate are returned to the owner of the latter, and thus equipped he can proceed to his adopted country at will.

Owing to the lack of identification data on the certificate of naturalization the mere statement of the holder that he is the owner thereof has to be accepted as complete evidence of the alleged fact. This statement is made under oath before the consul. Ordinarily such an oath would be consul. Ordinarily such an oath would be taken seriously, but the Italian procedure in the matter of oaths is peculiar. An oath is administered in Italy only by a judge,

The party swearing is admonished of the penalties of perjury, and the solemnity of the occasion is fully impressed upon all concerned. Swearing before a United States consul means nothing more than making a mere statement, for the Italian can take such an oath with a mental reservation which fully appeases his conscience so far as truth or falsehood may be involved.

The result of this system is that if an Italian intending to emigrate to the United States is in doubt as to his being allowed to land he can have one of his friends in that country send him a certificate of naturalization, and this he can use without any trouble in securing a passport. The same method can be used by women who would not otherwise be allowed to land in the United States, for by making the statement that they are the wives of the men whose names are mentioned in the certificates of naturalization they can secure passports as such, for they are American citizens by reason of the adopted nationality of their husbands.

Every effort has been made by American consuls in Italy to reduce this abuse to the minimum, but they cannot exercise wide discretion, for the law is plain, and to refuse a passport upon a certificate might involve them in a serious controversy if such application was genuine and in good faith, notwithstanding suspicious circumstances leading to rejection in the first instance.

notwithstanding suspicious circumstances leading to rejection in the first instance.

The attention of the United States government officials in Washington has been ernment officials in Washington has been called to this matter many times, but as any change in the system involves congressional legislation in the matter of naturalization laws these recommendations have borne no fruit. A simple remedy would be to require a certificate containing some data for identification of the original hold-

er, or a supplementary certificate from some responsible officer identifying the holder as the party to whom the certificate was originally issued. Character of Emigrants.

States. They acknowledge that they are dirty, but claim that they can be washed. They admit seventy-five per cent of illiteracy, but point to the returning emigrants as evidence of quickness and desire to learn. as evidence of quickness and desire to learn, for those who return can nearly all read and write. They have rather a good opinion of the character of the Italian peasant. They say he is industrious, saving, tractable and inspired with a love of political freedom, only asking an opportunity to develop into a good average citizen.

Hector De Castro, the American consul general at Rome, is of Italian parentage, though a citizen of New York. Naturally, he judges his own race with leniency, but not unfairly, for he has an intimate knowledge of conditions in the United States. He has been seven years in his present posi-

edge of conditions in the United States. He has been seven years in his present position in Rome with every opportunity for observing the tremendous exodus which has taken place during that period. His ideals of American citizenship are high, and he would take every precaution to see that none acquired that privilege without duly qualifying to the best possible degree. He is a firm believer, however, in the very great value to industrial America of the tide of human labor which flows from Italy to the new world, and sees no reason why. to the new world, and sees no reason why, with proper restrictions, it should not be welcomed.

A strong point is made by General De Castro of the possibilities contained in the Italian peasant for the western and south-western sections of the United States. Un-CHOCK F.M. we will offer for early justified of the purchaser of early provided the purchaser of the conference of the conference of the conference of the purchaser of the purchaser of the purchaser of the conference of the purchaser of t

make rural conditions more endurable for the peasants.

The present Italian law would also conflict with such a plan, although it is probable that a suspension of the law could be secured, if it was shown to be particularly advantageous to the emigrants. It is not lawful in Italy, under the new law, to work for emigration or to distribute matter advertising any particular locality as being particularly desirable as a place to go. This law was passed not only to discourage emigration but to protect Itale ian emigrants against misrepresentation or

boomers.

Eliminating the undesirable elements from the Italian exodus, there is undoubtedly a place in the United States where a majority of these people would be of value to the country, and Gen. De Castro, Italian as he is in his sympathies at this, is supported by every American consul and other observers in Italy in the contention that the present movement of these people toward. present movement of these people toward the United States is far from being un-desirable, from the American point of view. J. D. WHELPLEY.

A NOTABLE CAREER

SENATOR STEWART WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION.

Senator Stewart's declination to again become a candidate for the Senate from Nevada will remove from public life one of the most picturesque and interesting men in the capital. He came here forty years ago as a United States senator, was out of the Senate during two terms and was then again elected for three terms, so that his public service spreads over a term of thirty

Senator Stewart was born at Lyons. Wayne county, N. Y., August 9, 1827. He ren oved with his parents while a child to Ohio and there attended school. He was a teacher of mathematics in the Lyons Union

School while yet a pupil. With the little money thus earned and with the assistance of friends he entered Yale College, remaining there until the winter of 1849-50, when he was attracted by the gold discoveries in California.



He arrived at San Francisco in May, 1850, and immediately engaged in mining with pick and shovel in Nevada county, and in this way accumulated some money. Two years later he began the study of law and still later was appointed district attorney. In 1854 he was appointed attorney general tined to play a most prominent part.

He was largely engaged in early mining

litigation and in the development of the Comstock lode.

Elected to United States Senate. Senator Stewart was chosen a member of the territorial council in 1861, in 1862 he States Senate in 1864, taking his seat Feb-

elected to the United States Senate in 1881 to succeed James G. Fair, democrat.

Senator Stewart has always been a republican, except during the few years when he supported Bryan and the free silver issue. He is the author of that much-quoted phrase, "crime of '73."

After supporting Bryan during two campaigns Senator Stewart returned to the republican fold. He always claimed that in \$0 doing he was entirely consistent on the principle of free coinage for which he had fought. He was satisfied that with the increased production of gold which, when he again lined himself up with the republicans, was twice as great as was the production of both gold and silver when he separated from his party, the amount of money being placed in circulation was sufficient to do-the business of the world. In fact, he claimed that the increased circulation he wanted to secure through the free coinage of silver was had by means of the free wanted to secure through the free coinage of silver was had by means of the free coinage of the enormous output of gold.

Senator Stewart's life in Washington has been one that has kept him prominently before the public. When he came here forty years ago he was known as "the great silver king," and his wealth was supposed to rank him as one of the richest men of the entire country. His mining properties were regarded as almost limitless in value. He spent his fortune with a lavish hand.

Stewart Castle.

dential part of the town as to excite comment on the part of all who trudged out there to see it.

At the time it was built "Stewart Castle"

was probably the most elaborate private residence of the city. It was furnished in residence of the city. It was furnished in magnificent style, all the furniture being purchased in France and shipped to this country. Mrs. Stewart went abroad to select the furnishings. The first consignment of rare Parisian furniture sent to this country for "Stewart Castle" was lost at sea. A second order, largely duplicating the first, was given, and that arriving safely made "Stewart Castle" probably the most handsomely furnished private residence in the District at that time.

Later Senator Stewart experienced some financial reverses, and returning to Nevidal again built up a great fortune. That was

financial reverses, and returning to Nevian again built up a great fortune. That was during the period when he was out of the Senate. He again occupied the house when he returned here, but after some years he rented it, and it was long the home of the Chinese legation. Several years ago he sold the property to Senator Clark of Montagas who tore down the house. Sanator

Interested in the District.